BUREAU OF ENVIRONMENT CONFERENCE REPORT

SUBJECT: Monthly Natural Resource Agency Coordination Meeting

DATE OF CONFERENCE: April 20, 2005

LOCATION OF CONFERENCE: John O. Morton Building

ATTENDED BY:

NHDOT Federal Highway Southern NH Planning

Mark Hemmerlein Administration Commission
Charlie Hood Jamie Sikora Tim White

Jon Evans

Chris Waszczuk Army Corps of Engineers DES Coastal Program

Alex Vogt Rich Roach Chris Williams

Mike Dugas

Cathy Goodmen NH Wetlands Bureau DES Air Resources

CR Willeke Gino Infascelli Becky Ohler

Bob Davis

Don Lyford NH Fish and Game CLD

Matt Hill Department Jamie Paine

Chris Carucci Bill Ingham

Russ St. Pierre VHB

Kirk Mudgett **EPA** Frank O'Callaghan Wayne Clifford Mark Kern Peter Walker

NOTES ON CONFERENCE:

Enfield, 13185D

Bob Davis discussed this project, which consists of the rehabilitation of the pavement along NH Route 4A. Work will also add shoulders, and improve drainage and sight distance, beginning approximately 3.0 miles southeast of the intersection with US Route 4. This is a single project in a series along this section of roadway. The pavement will be widened to accommodate uniform 11-foot travel lanes. All slope work will be conducted within the existing right-of-way. Wetland impacts will be incurred for work at a box culvert, on the downstream side, near Mascoma Lake (400-500 ft away, at the closest), where there is erosion occurring. The impacts are to stabilize this erosion. There are additional drainage impacts to provide for adequate drainage. Total wetland impacts have not been quantified, but will total approximately 1,000 square feet. Rich Roach indicated that the project would qualify under the State Programmatic General Permit.

Henniker, STP-TE-X-000S(033), 13096

The Town of Henniker has applied for a TE grant to construct sidewalks along Old Concord Road. NHNHB recorded a hit for Wood Turtles near the adjacent river. M. Marchand requested that the proposed curbing for the sidewalk be sloped. The sloped curbing would defeat part of its purposes

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of precluding vehicular access to the sidewalk. There was no mechanism to enforce this as the project does not require an environmental permit. No one objected to the use of the straight curbing.

Newington-Dover, NHS-0271(037), 11238

This project involves the widening of NH Route 16 / US Route 4 / Spaulding Turnpike, including the Little Bay Bridges, from Gosling Road to the Dover tolls. Chris Waszczuk discussed this project. Since the last meeting, the Army Corps of Engineers concurred with the range of alternatives that the Department is proposing. Primarily the biggest comment was to look at TDM in conjunction with this project. He presented a matrix of the alternatives and opened it up for discussion.

Frank O'Callaghan from VHB Consulting Engineers discussed the matrix and the alternatives. For more information on this project, contact Marc Laurin at 271-3226.

Andover, 13348

This project is a betterment project to realign a 0.45-mile section of NH Route 11 at its intersection with Flaghole Road. The roadway has substandard geometry with a posted speed of 50 mph and a design speed of less than 30 mph. Cathy Goodmen discussed the proposed project. There are prime wetlands in the area. Realigning/reconfiguring the intersection will require historical investigations as well as wetland impacts. It is not clear as of yet whether the project will involve prime wetlands. More information will be discussed at a later date once more information is available.

Fitzwilliam, 2005M411-2

This project is located at the intersection of NH Route 119 and Homan Road. The project consists of the replacement of the current culvert system (stone box and corrugated metal pipe) and minor intersection reconfiguration. The current system is not sufficient. The replacement structures will consist of three (3) smaller pipes to provide more roadway cover over the pipes. A drainage ditch will be set back from the roadway to enable the construction of a 4-foot shoulder. CR Willeke detailed that a wetlands application has been submitted for a Major Impact permit. No one in attendance objected to the proposal.

Rochester, NH (Drive Permit)

No Minutes Prepared. For information on this project, contact Jamie Paine, CLD Engineers at (207) 363-0669